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Deputy Stephen Donnelly TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost through delayed discharges in each public and voluntary hospital in May 2019, in tabular form”

Dear Deputy Donnelly

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The table below details the number of Bed Days recorded as lost through delayed discharges for the period 1 to 31 May 2019.

While the numbers in some locations appear disproportionately high, it is worth noting that a small number of cases can account for a significant number of bed days lost and can therefore inflate both the absolute and average numbers each month.

As of the 4 June 2019, 589 patients were categorised as a delayed discharge with the highest 25 accounting for a range of 432 days up to 1746 bed days lost. The table below sets out a high level summary of the reasons why these patients are a delayed discharge.

Due to the small numbers involved in individual hospitals and the potential for patient identification, it is not possible to expand further on these cases.

I hope this response is helpful

Yours sincerely,

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Provider Name(Live Week)	Total no of days
Bantry General Hospital	31
Beaumont Hospital	299
Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital	52
Cavan General Hospital	100
CHI at Temple St	18
Connolly Hospital	56
Cork University Hospital	189
Galway University Hospitals	116
Letterkenny University Hospital	144
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	291
Mayo University Hospital	51
Mercy University Hospital	144
MRH Mullingar	8
MRH Portlaoise	47
MRH Tullamore	66
Naas General Hospital	135
Nenagh Hospital	50
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	450
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	69
Portiuncula University Hospital	32
Roscommon University Hospital	11
Sligo University Hospital	174
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	33
South Tipperary General Hospital	119
St. Columcille's Hospital	21
St. James's Hospital	556
St. John's Hospital Limerick	5
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	68
St. Michael's Hospital	87
St. Vincent's University Hospital	232
Tallaght University Hospital	155
UH Kerry	74
UH Limerick	161
UH Waterford	147
Wexford General Hospital	215



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Waiting for specific community provision to facilitate discharge e.g. grab-rails, bannisters, appliances, prosthesis provision etc.

New home required: major works needed to existing home or re-housing needed

Highly complex patient requiring bespoke care provision, probably lasting many years, transfer back to referring hospital may be sought (e.g. NRH discharges)

Legal complexity e.g. Ward of Court

Has funding, patient yet to secure care setting within reasonable proximity of home

Homeless Issues

Process barrier e.g. Legal complexity, Ward of Court, Refugee status

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Non-cooperation with process, charges may/may not apply

Dementia specific service: Ambulant or non-ambulant patients with behavioural/verbal/ cognitive issues such that on-going psychiatric support during care is essential

High physical dependency nursing care needs with on-going medical/therapy input. Typically includes very dependent patients e.g. tracheostomy, PEG tubes, lines, unstable needs

NHSS application not yet submitted to local NHSS office